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SUBJECT: EXPORTATION OF PROBOSCIS MONKEYS FROM INDONESIA

1. THE OFFICE OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING EFFORTS BY INDONESIAN CONSERVATION OFFICIALS TO CONTROL THE COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC IN PROBOSCIS MONKEYS FROM BORNEO. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE CONSERVATION OFFICERS HAVE BEEN CONFISCATING THE MONKEYS FROM THE NATIVES ON BORNEO AND THEN TRANSPORTING THE MONKEYS TO HOLDING FACILITIES AT THE JAKARTA ZOO. WE HAVE THREE QUESTIONS: 1) CAN YOU CONFIRM THE LEGALITY OF THE CONFISCATION OPERATION, 2) IS THERE A SURPLUS OF PROBOSCIS MONKEYS IN BOTH THE JAKARTA AND SURABAJA ZOO AND 3) HOW MANY PROBOSCIS ARE NOW IN INDONESIAN ZOOS? WE WILL BE VERY APPRECIATIVE IF ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS CAN BE UNCLASSIFIED

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CABLED BACK TO THE STATES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. WE NEED THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE US SHOULD ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PROBOSCIS MONKEYS UNDER OUR ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973. US REGULATIONS REQUIRE EVIDENCE THAT ANIMALS BEING IMPORTED WERE TAKEN AND EXPORTED LAWFULLY. IF THE SUBJECT CONFISCATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

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